

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a computing system ~~for generating an expense report,~~ comprising:

~~displaying controls including a first button and a second button;~~

~~receiving an activation of the first button, in response to the displaying;~~

~~after receiving the activation of the first button, in response to the activation of the first button:~~

~~creating an activity item,~~

~~establishing a user-selected activity type for the activity item, wherein~~

~~the establishing the user-selected activity type comprises receiving a user~~

~~input selecting a single activity type from among a plurality of activity types stored in a database, and~~

~~the user-selected activity type specifies an activity type of the activity item, creating an expense item, and~~

~~establishing an expense type from among a plurality of expense types stored in the database for the created expense item, wherein~~

~~the establishing the expense type comprises accessing a pre-determined~~

~~mapping from the plurality of activity types to the plurality of expense types, and~~

~~the accessing comprises accessing the database;~~

receiving a selection of an activity item, wherein

the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items, and

each one of the plurality of activity items represents a type of business

related activity;

in response to the selection, automatically associating an expense item with the activity item, wherein

there are one or more expense items that are expensable for each activity item of the plurality of activity items,

at least one expense item of the one or more expense items cannot be

associated with one or more of the plurality of activity items, and

each activity item of the plurality of activity items is associated with one of a plurality of expense items;
 receiving an activation ~~of the second button~~ signal for generating an expense report;
 and
 in response to the activation ~~of the second button~~:
 creating, using a computer processor, ~~a new~~ the expense report,
 adding ~~all created~~ expense items associated with the activity item to the
 ~~created~~ expense report,
 and
 submitting the ~~created~~ expense report ~~containing the added created expense~~
 ~~items.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising
prior to receiving the selection of an activity item, establishing activity types,
expense types, and associations between the activity types and expense types,
wherein
 the establishing comprises
 associating one or more expense types of the expense types with
 an activity type, and
 the associating is based on receiving a selection indicating an
 expense type is associated with an activity type,
 instantiating an activity type of the activity types causes the creation
 of an activity item, and
 instantiating an expense type of the expense types causes the creation
 of an expense item.
~~, in response to the activation of the first button:~~
~~establishing for the activity item a date designated by a user for the activity~~
~~item; and~~
~~establishing for the created expense item the same date designated by a user~~
~~for the activity item.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium whose contents cause a computing system to perform a process ~~for generating an expense report~~, comprising:

~~displaying controls including an activity item creation button and an expense report creation button;~~

~~after each activation of the activity item creation button, in response to each activation of the activity item creation button:~~

~~creating an activity item,~~

~~establishing a user-selected activity type for the activity item, wherein~~

~~the establishing the user-selected activity type comprises~~

~~receiving a user input selecting a single activity type~~

~~from among a plurality of activity types stored in a~~

~~database, and~~

~~the user-selected activity type specifies an activity type of the activity item,~~

~~creating an expense item, and~~

~~establishing an expense type from among a plurality of expense types~~

~~stored in the database for the created expense item, wherein~~

~~the establishing the expense type comprises accessing a pre-~~

~~determined mapping from the plurality of activity types~~

~~to the plurality of expense types, and~~

~~the accessing comprises accessing the database; and~~

receiving a selection of an activity item, wherein

the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items, and

each one of the plurality of activity items represents a type of business related activity;

in response to the selection, automatically associating an expense item with

the activity item, wherein

there are one or more expense items that are expensable for each

activity item of the plurality of activity items,

at least one expense item of the one or more expense items cannot be associated with one or more of the plurality of activity items,
and
each activity item of the plurality of activity items is associated with one of a plurality of expense items;

in response to ~~[[each]]~~ receiving an activation signal for generating an of the expense report ~~creation-button~~:

creating ~~a new~~ the expense report,

adding ~~all-created~~ expense items associated with the activity item to the ~~created~~ expense report,

and

submitting the ~~created~~ expense report ~~containing the added-created expense items~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the process further comprises, ~~in response to each activation of the activity item creation-button~~:

establishing for the activity item a date designated ~~by a user~~ for the activity item;

and

establishing for the ~~created~~ expense item the same date designated ~~by a user~~ for the activity item.

5. (Currently Amended) A computing system ~~for generating an expense report~~, comprising:

~~a control display subsystem that displays controls including a first button and a second button;~~

~~a first button activation processing subsystem that, after each activation of the first button, in response to each activation of the first button:~~

~~creates an activity item,~~

~~establishes a user-selected activity type for the created activity item,~~

~~wherein~~

~~the establishing the user-selected activity type comprises~~
~~receiving a user input selecting exactly one activity type~~
~~from among at least two activity types stored in a~~
~~database, and~~
~~the user-selected activity type specifies the activity type of the~~
~~activity item,~~
~~creates an expense item, and~~
~~establishes an expense type from among a plurality of expense types~~
~~stored in the database for the created expense item, wherein~~
~~the establishing the expense type comprises accessing a pre-~~
~~determined mapping from the plurality of activity types~~
~~to the plurality of expense types, and~~
~~the accessing comprises accessing the database; and~~
a first subsystem configured to receive a selection of an activity item, wherein
the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items, and
each one of the plurality of activity items represents a type of business
related activity;
a second subsystem configured to automatically associate an expense item with
the activity item, wherein
there are one or more expense items that are expensable for each
activity item of the plurality of activity items,
at least one expense item of the one or more expense items cannot be
associated with one or more of the plurality of activity items, and
each activity item of the plurality of activity items is associated with one
of a plurality of expense items;
~~a second button activation processing subsystem that, in response to each~~
~~activation of the second button;~~
a third subsystem configured to receive an activation signal for generating an
expense report; and
a fourth subsystem configured to creating the expense report, in response to
receiving the activation signal, wherein

the creating the expense report comprises

~~creates a new expense report,~~

~~adds all created~~ **adding** expense items **associated with the activity item** to the ~~created~~ expense report, ~~and ; and~~

a fifth subsystem configured to submits submit the ~~created~~ expense report ~~containing the added created expense items.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, further comprising a date designation system that, ~~in response to each activation of the first button:~~ establishes for the activity item a date designated ~~by a user~~ for the activity item; and establishes for the ~~created~~ expense item the same date ~~designated by a user~~ for the activity item.

7. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ **2**, wherein the establishing the ~~user-selected~~ activity type further comprises: providing ~~[[the]]~~ **a** user with a list of the plurality of activity types.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the list of the plurality of activity types is maintained by the user and contains activity types predefined by an application administrator.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ **associations between each of the one or more expense items and the plurality of activity items are based on a** pre-determined mapping ~~is defined by an application administrator.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of activity ~~[[types]]~~ **items** corresponds to ~~one of a category of~~ **expenses, wherein the category is one of the following categories:**

appointments,
meetings,
presentations,
~~trips,~~
travel,
demonstrations, and
drafting correspondence.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~application administrator predefines the~~ plurality of activity ~~types by providing~~ items are based on information corresponding to at least one of a description of an activity, itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity ~~[[types]]~~ items, whether the plurality of activity ~~[[types]]~~ items are associated with a ~~particular~~ client, and whether the plurality of activity ~~[[types]]~~ items are ~~expensible~~ expensable.
18. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the ~~establishing the user-selected~~ selection of the activity ~~[[type]]~~ item ~~further~~ comprises:
providing a user with a list of the plurality of activity ~~[[types]]~~ items.
19. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 18, wherein
the list of the plurality of activity ~~types is maintained by the user and contains activity~~ ~~types~~ items is predefined by an application administrator.
20. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the pre-determined mapping is ~~defined by an application administrator is~~ based on expenses appropriate for to the expense item.

21. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein

each of the plurality of activity ~~[[types]]~~ items corresponds to ~~one of a category of~~
expenses, wherein
the category is one of the following categories:

appointments,
meetings,
presentations,
trips,
travel,
demonstrations, and
drafting correspondence.

22. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein

the ~~application administrator predefines the~~ plurality of activity ~~types by providing~~
items are based on information corresponding to at least one of
a description of an activity,
itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity ~~[[types]]~~ items,
whether the plurality of activity ~~[[types]]~~ items are associated with a ~~particular~~
client, and
whether the plurality of activity ~~[[types]]~~ items are ~~expensible~~ expensable.

23. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the
~~establishing the user-selected~~ selection of the activity ~~[[type]]~~ item ~~further~~ comprises:
providing a user with a list of the at least two activity ~~[[types]]~~ items.

24. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 23, wherein
the list of ~~the at least two~~ activity ~~types is maintained by the user and contains~~
~~activity types~~ items ~~is~~ predefined by an application administrator.

25. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein each of the at least two activity ~~[[types]]~~ items corresponds to ~~one of a category of~~

expenses, wherein

the category is one of the following categories:

appointments,

meetings,

presentations,

~~trips,~~

travel,

demonstrations, and

drafting correspondence.

26. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the ~~application administrator predefines the at least two activity types by providing~~

plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least one of

a description of an activity,

itemized tasks associated with the ~~at least two activity types~~ plurality of activity items,

whether the ~~at least two activity types~~ plurality of activity items are associated with a ~~particular~~ client, and

whether the ~~at least two activity types~~ plurality of activity items are ~~expensible~~ expensible.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, further comprising receiving, ~~from at least one user,~~ information from a user;
in response to the receiving the information,
 creating each of the plurality of activity types, wherein
the creating of the plurality of activity types is based on the
 information ~~[[for]]~~ ,
 creating each of the plurality of expense types, wherein
the creating the each of the plurality of expense types is based on the
information, and ~~information for~~
 determining the pre-determined mapping, wherein
the determining is based on the information, and
 the pre-determined mapping associates each of the plurality of expense
 types with at least one of the plurality of activity types;
 in response to the receiving, storing the information ~~for creating each of the plurality of~~
~~activity types, the information for creating each of the plurality of expense~~
~~types, and the information for determining the pre-determined mapping in~~
~~the database,~~ wherein
 the storing is performed before the displaying,
 the information ~~for creating each of the plurality of activity types comprises~~
information indicating indicates whether one of the plurality of activity
 types is expensible expensable,
 the information ~~for determining the pre-determined mapping~~ comprises
 a plurality of keys,
 each of the plurality of keys is assigned to
 one of the plurality of expense types, and
 at least one of the plurality of activity types,
 a one of the plurality of activity types represents a type of meeting,
 the first one of the plurality of activity types is associated with an instance of the
 first one of the plurality of activity types, and
 the instance is a specific meeting.